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Gunning for victory. Contestants from all over the world gathered in Queens on Sunday to compete in the NYC Big Apple Grapple International Arm Wrestling Championships. **Armed and ready.** This was the 37th year of the contest, in which men and women go toe-to-toe for a chance to become the King and Queen of Arms. PAGE 02



Contestants prepare to square off against each other at the International Arm Wrestling competition in Queens on Sunday. / MILES DIXON, METRO

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Today's tweet

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Underground

Two women die in unrelated subway accidents

The city reported the deaths of two women who were struck and killed in Manhattan's subway system this past weekend.

On Saturday, Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials reported that a woman was struck by a northbound E train at the Lexington/East 53 Street station.

Emergency workers responded to the Midtown Manhattan platform at about noon, but MTA officials said that the woman died at the scene.

The circumstances around how she died have not yet been determined, authorities said.

Transit officials also said another woman was struck by a northbound 6 train on Saturday. The woman reportedly died of a blow to the head.

The subway train hit the woman as it entered the Astor Place station at around 4 p.m.

At the time, police said they believed she had been leaning over the platform's edge.

The woman was rushed to Beth Israel Medical Center in critical condition, but later died.

Police and transit officials consider both cases to be under ongoing investigation.

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Trending online at Metro.us

1 'Netflix is now also a cable channel'

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Contestants and onlookers at Cheap Shots bar watch the competition. Bottom right: Two men go arm to arm in a battle to take the title. Bottom left: Joyce Boone, left, faces off against the defending Queen of Arms Ana Kenah. / MILES DIXON, METRO

Strong-arming for chance to win title

Over-the-top.

People gathered from all over the globe for the 37th Big Apple Grapple arm wrestling tournament.

Popeye himself would have been impressed by the biceps on display in Queens this weekend.

Cheap Shots Sports Bar & Lounge in Flushing was at capacity on Sunday for the 37th annual NYC Big Apple Grapple International Arm Wrestling Championships, where amateurs and pros were competing both right-handed and left-handed across weight classes. The strongest male and female athletes take away a cash prize of \$100 — and they're crowned NYC's King and Queen of Arms.

"Three-time champion Joyce Boone on the right, — and on the left, the 2013 Queens of Arms, Ana Kenah!" New York Arm Wres-

tling Association President Gene Camp said over the loudspeaker to cheers. "She beat Boone last year. Can she do it again?"

Boone, 47, of Brooklyn, is a legendary figure in the arm wrestling world. In 1997, she was badly injured but managed to come back better than ever — until Jersey City's Kenah managed to steal the Queen of Arms title away from her last year. It was Boone's first loss in three years.

Boone locked hands with her 29-year-old nemesis. Kenah stared straight ahead, Boone down at the ground.

"Ready, go!"

Finally, on the third try, Boone crushed Kenah's arm down.

The Boone vs. Kenah matchup was one of the most highly anticipated,

The winners

- Tim Bresnan is the new King of Arms.
- Joyce Boone regained her title as Queen of Arms.

but reigning King of Arms Mike Ayello was also on hand to defend his title against the man he saw as his biggest challenge.

"Tim Bresnan from Connecticut," said Ayello. "He's a freak. He's probably No. 1 in the world right now."

At 6-foot-5 and 270 pounds, it's hard to imagine anyone posing much of a threat to Ayello, a New York City firefighter in Queens. The defending champ said he trains

seven days a week, sometimes climbing the Ladder 135 station pole with 100 pounds of gear on his back.

It wasn't just locals flexing their biceps in Queens on Sunday. Nor was it all seasoned pros. Arm wrestlers had come from as far away as Uzbekistan, Turkey and Puerto Rico to compete. Teams had also driven in from Rhode Island and Connecticut.

One relatively new face was Kelly Carvara, 26, of Bristol, Rhode Island. In years past, Carvara said, there weren't enough women to split the competitors into weight classes.

But increasingly, that is changing. Lighter competitors are eligible to compete in every weight class above their own. Carvara got into arm wrestling a little over a year ago when she met one of her current teammates.

"I was like, 'That's a real thing?'" she said. "And I came to his practice and fell in love, I was hooked."

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Strength of will

"Joyce Boone is a really unbelievable story. She broke her arm and we figured she was gone, out, done. Usually people break their arm and don't come back."

Gene Camp



People enter the 6 train.
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City Council. Bill would give tax break to 600K straphangers

Hundreds of thousands of straphangers might be missing out on a federal tax break every time they refill their MetroCard.

A new report indicates that a transit rider making \$50,000 annually who purchases a monthly MetroCard could save \$443 a year by participating in the tax break.

To that end, a bill to be introduced by Manhattan Councilman Dan Garodnick on Tuesday would require that any business with 20 or more employees offer the federal benefit to their employees.

According to the report by transit advocacy group the Riders Alliance, about 750,000 New Yorkers are currently enrolled in the program.

If the bill passes City Hall, an additional 605,000 New Yorkers would become eligible.

"Many of us feel like the MTA treats us like a

Fed up

Covered by federal law, the bill lets riders put aside up to \$130 a month before taxes to cover subway and bus fares. Employers then offer their workers a pre-paid card or a debit card only usable at MTA vending machines.

- "Transit benefits are a win-win for employers and workers," wrote Riders Alliance Executive Director John Raskin.

piggy bank," Garodnick said. "Helping New Yorkers take advantage of this tax benefit is an important way we can put a little more cash in their pockets at the end of the day."

The report didn't speculate why some business owners aren't already enrolled in the plan.

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Staten Island

Grimm to be indicted, his lawyer says

A Staten Island congressman who recently threatened a reporter is expected to be indicted by the U.S. attorney in New York, his lawyer confirmed Friday night.

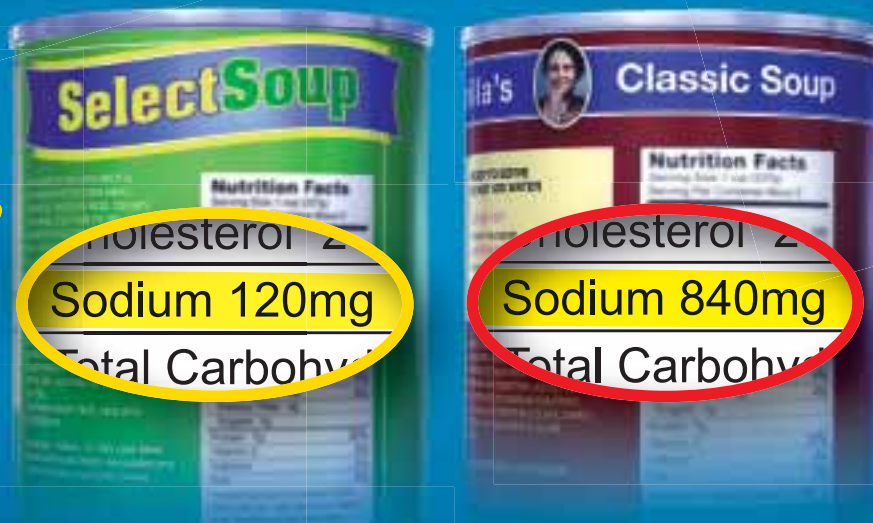
Federal authorities have been investigating Rep. Michael Grimm for alleged campaign finance violations. The U.S. attorney's office informed the Republican congressman that criminal charges will be filed, attorney William McGinley said in a statement.

McGinley added that Grimm would be vindicated.

First elected in 2010, Grimm made headlines earlier this year after threatening to throw a NY1 reporter off of a balcony following the State of the Union address.

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Bronx. Man sought in teen's stabbing death

Police are looking for a man suspected in the stabbing death of a 19-year-old woman on Saturday in broad daylight.

Jasmine Canton was found outside her apartment building in the Bronx's Kingsbridge section with a fatal stab wound to her chest.

Police and EMS arrived to the Creston Avenue residence at around 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Canton was rushed to St. Barnabas Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Know something?

Police are asking anyone with information on the incident or about the suspect to contact Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS or to submit tips online.

Cops are looking for a Hispanic male between 20 to 30 years old. Surveillance tapes show him wearing a black North Face jacket, a striped shirt and black pants.

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In Queens

Man struck dead by car

A Queens man was struck and killed by a car while crossing a street late Saturday.

Police said Oscar Pauzhi, 54, was walking

north on Atlantic Avenue and 107th Street at around 9 p.m. when he was hit.

Police said the driver remained on the scene after the accident. The investigation ongoing.

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Chinese top Russians as apartment buyers



The Chinese are reportedly buying New York City apartments as an investment. / GETTY IMAGES

Manhattan. Local brokers say that the Chinese are pouring money into NYC real estate.

For the first time, the Chinese have become the biggest foreign buyers of apartments in Manhattan, real estate brokers estimate, taking the mantle from the Russians.

Wealthy Chinese are pouring money into real estate in New York and oth-

er major cities around the world, including London and Sydney, as they seek safe havens for their cash and also to establish a base for their children to get an education in the West.

Reuters asked five of the top real estate brokerages for their ranking of foreign buyers in New York City. The Chinese ranked first in volume and value of sales in all their estimates.

The brokers say that many Chinese buyers are investing abroad so they can own property near major educational institutions.

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Front and center

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Dean Jones, a broker with Sotheby's International

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Obama denounces reported remarks by team owner as 'racist'

League. Obama said he was confident NBA Commissioner Adam Silver would deal with the issue.

President Barack Obama said on Sunday that comments reported to have been made by the owner of the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers basketball team were "incredibly offensive racist statements."

The NBA is investigating an audio recording posted online of Clippers owner Donald Sterling allegedly telling his girlfriend not to post photographs of herself with black people and not to bring African-Americans to Clippers games, league officials said on Saturday.

"Obviously the NBA is a league that is beloved by fans across the country," Obama said.

He said the controversy was also an example of how the United States continues to wrestle with the legacy of race.

Celebrity news site TMZ.com published the 10-minute recording on its website late on Friday, describing it as a taped



Clippers owner Donald Sterling sits with his girlfriend. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"When ignorant folks want to advertise their ignorance, you don't really have to do anything: You just let them talk."

Obama, said when asked about the controversy during a news conference in Kuala Lumpur with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak

conversation between the billionaire Sterling and a model who goes by the name V. Stiviano.

"The audio recording posted by TMZ is truly offensive and disturbing,

and we intend to get to the bottom of it as quickly as possible," Silver said, adding the league would move swiftly to determine the authenticity of the recording and its context. **REUTERS**

Deal. Philippines, US to sign new military pact as part of US pivot

The United States and the Philippines will sign a new 10-year security pact on Monday that will allow for a larger U.S. military presence as it struggles to raise its defense capabilities amid territorial disputes with China.

The agreement, which establishes a framework for a beefed-up rotation of U.S. troops, ship and warplanes through the Philippines, will be formally sealed just hours before U.S. President Barack Obama arrives on a two-day visit to Manila, U.S. and Philippine officials said.

White House officials touted the deal as part of a "rebalancing" of U.S. resources toward the fast-

growing Asia-Pacific region.

The Philippines will be Obama's final stop on a four-country tour aimed at showing sometimes skeptical allies he is serious about the strategic shift.

It comes as China has strengthened its maritime presence in disputed areas in the South China Sea after seizing control of Scarborough Shoal in 2012. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"We're not doing this because of China."

Evan Medeiros, Obama's top Asia adviser, to reporters

Global markets

Fed may offer clues on rate timing conundrum

U.S. policymakers have the chance this week to give clearer guidance on the future path of interest rates and settle markets that are uncertain over how and when a hike would occur.

Global financial markets are still on alert for developments in Ukraine, with the United States and its G7 partners preparing tougher sanctions against Russia.

The Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee meets from Tuesday to Wednesday, and markets will read its Wednesday statement closely for clues to when interest rates might rise. **REUTERS**

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Rome. Hundreds of thousands watch two popes become saints

Pope Francis proclaimed his predecessors John XXIII and John Paul II saints in front of more than half a million pilgrims on Sunday, hailing both as courageous men who withstood the tragedies of the 20th century.

Cheers and applause rang out across St. Peter's Square after the historic double papal canonization as many in the crowd fixed

their gaze on huge tapestries of the two popes on the facade of the basilica behind Francis.

"We declare and define Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II to be saints and we enroll them among the saints, decreeing that they are to be venerated as such by the whole Church," Francis said in his formal proclamation in Latin. **REUTERS**

Minority population

If Muslims are oppressed, Myanmar won't succeed: Obama

President Barack Obama said on Sunday that the rights of Myanmar's minority Muslim population were not being fully protected and warned that the

Southeast Asian country would not succeed if Muslims there were oppressed.

On a visit to Malaysia, Obama praised political reforms under way in once-isolated Myanmar but said the danger of democratization was that it could unleash religious and ethnic conflicts. **REUTERS**

Ukraine rebels free Swedish hostage; President Obama seeks unity against Russia



Ukrainian soldiers in front of an Armored Personnel Carriers guard a checkpoint on the road about 25 kilometers from the eastern Ukrainian city of Sloviansk. / GETTY IMAGES

Rebels. Kiev and Western allies say the uprising is directed by Russian agents.

Pro-Russian rebels in Ukraine freed a Swedish observer on Sunday, but said they had no plans to release seven other European monitors they have been holding for three days.

On the eve of an expected announcement of a mild tightening of Western sanctions against a targeted list of Russians, U.S. President Barack Obama

called for the United States and Europe to join forces to impose stronger measures to restrain Moscow.

In Donetsk, where pro-Russian rebels have proclaimed an independent "people's republic," armed fighters seized the headquarters of regional television and ordered it to start broadcasting a Russian state TV channel.

Washington and Brussels are expected, possibly as early as today, to add new people and firms close to Russian President Vladimir Putin to a small list of those hit by punitive measures. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"We're going to be in a stronger position to deter Mr. Putin when he sees that the world is unified and the U.S. and Europe is unified rather than this is just a U.S.-Russian conflict."
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Game over. Atari cartridges found in New Mexico landfill

Documentary filmmakers digging in a New Mexico landfill on Saturday unearthed hundreds of "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" cartridges, considered by some the worst video game ever made and blamed for contributing to the downfall of the video game industry in the 1980s.

Some gamers speculate that thousands or even millions of the unwanted cartridges made by Atari were buried in a landfill in Alamogordo, about 200 miles south-east of Albuquerque.

Who dumped the videos, how many they buried and why they did it inspired the dig and a documentary of the event by Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox Enter-

Hours of digging

3

The first batch of E.T. games was discovered under layers of trash after about three hours of digging, a Microsoft spokeswoman said, putting to rest questions about whether the cartridges would be found at all.

tainment Studios.

The game was a design and marketing failure after it was rushed out to coincide with the release of Steven Spielberg's 1982 hit movie "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," and it contributed to a collapse of the video game industry in its early years.

REUTERS



Gruesome scene

California mother faces murder charges of stabbing baby to death

A California woman found wandering in a park with a bloodied baby in her arms faced murder charges on Sunday on suspicion of stabbing and killing her 7-month-old son, police said.

The 24-year-old woman, whose identity has not been released, was arrested on Saturday after police found her holding her dead baby while walking through Del Valle Regional Park, about 50 miles east of San Francisco.

"Officers on the scene at the time attempted to resuscitate the child and were unsuccessful," East Bay Regional Park District Police Chief Timothy Anderson told reporters.

The baby had been stabbed multiple times, Anderson said. REUTERS

Baby rescued

Motorist plucks crawling boy to safety from busy Utah road

A 1-year-old child who got out of his backyard and crawled onto a four-lane road in Utah is home safe with his family after being saved by a motorist, police said on Saturday.

The boy had been playing with his 7-year-old sister on Friday evening before he crawled onto a busy state street in Brigham City, Utah, where the speed limit is 40 miles per hour, police Lieutenant Dennis Vincent said.

A woman driving on the roadway spotted the baby, pulled over and rescued him from the lane

closest to the sidewalk, Vincent said. She was able to determine which house the child likely came from and brought him there before calling police, he said.

The child's mother said she had laid down to rest after putting her son in his crib, but that her daughter took him into the backyard, Vincent said.

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South Korean PM resigns over response to fatal ferry disaster

Temper flare.

Recovery efforts have been slow, with shifting information coming from the government.

South Korean Prime Minister Chung Hong-won announced his resignation on Sunday over the government response to the ferry disaster — in which it was first announced that everyone had been rescued — focusing attention on poor regulatory controls.

The Sewol ferry sank on a routine trip south from the port of Incheon to the traditional holiday island of Jeju on April 16.

The children onboard the Sewol were told to stay put in their cabins, where they waited for further orders.

South Korea, Asia's fourth-largest economy and one of its leading manufacturing and export powerhouses, has developed



A relative weeps before yellow ribbons at Jindo harbor. / GETTY IMAGES

Victims

300

More than 300 people, most of them students and teachers on a field trip from the Danwon High School on the outskirts of Seoul, have died or are missing and presumed dead.

into one of the world's most technically advanced countries, but faces criticism that regulatory controls have not kept pace.

As part of the investigation, prosecutors raided two shipping safety watchdogs and a coast guard office. They have also raided two vessel service centers,

which act as maritime traffic control.

Chung's resignation was approved by President Park Geun-hye, who has the most power in government, although her spokesman said later that he would remain in post until the rescue operation was completed.

"Keeping my post is too great a burden on the administration," a somber Chung said in a brief announcement. "On behalf of the government, I apologize for many problems from the prevention of the accident to the early handling of the disaster."

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Tripoli court

Gaddafi's son, former officials face charges

The son of late Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi appeared via video link on Sunday with 22 others to hear charges in a Tripoli court ranging from war



SAIF AL-ISLAM
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crimes to corruption in a major test of whether the state can implement the rule of law.

Saif al-Islam smiled and looked confident on the link-up from a jail in the western town of Zintan where he has been held since he was captured by former rebels. REUTERS

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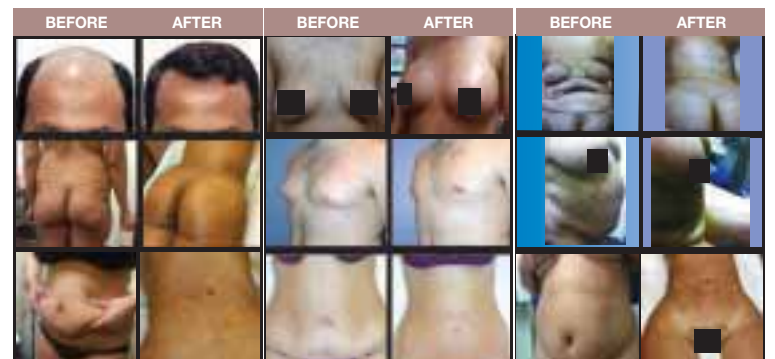
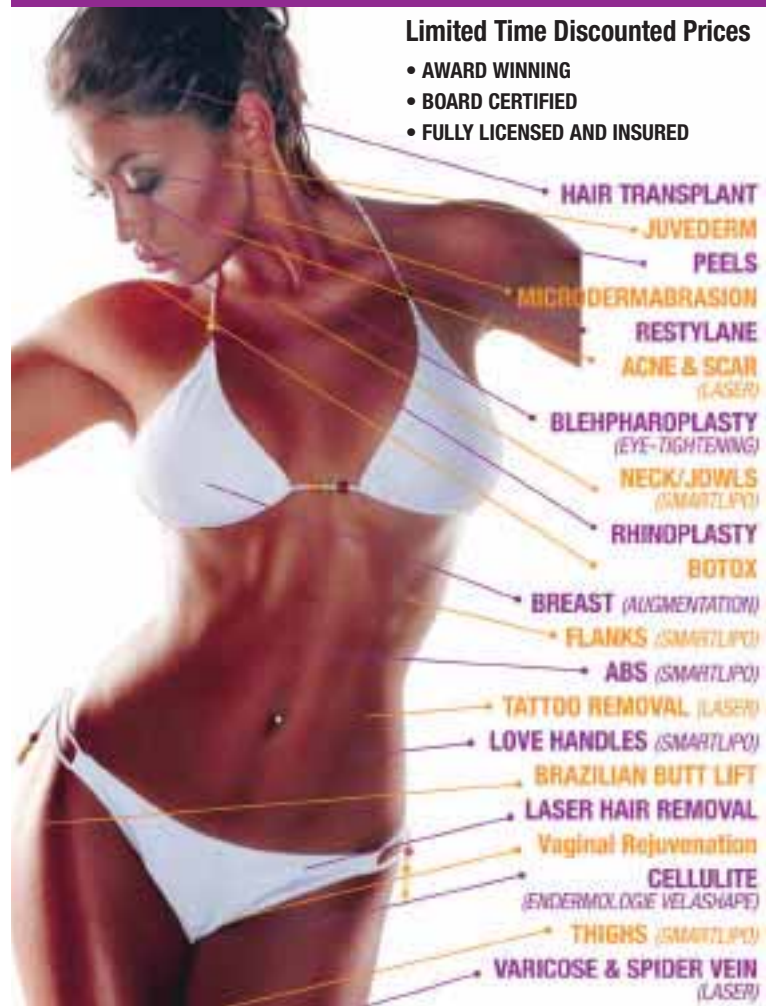
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Obama: Teachers must be prepared

Getting schooled. President instructs the Department of Education to evaluate teacher training programs.

President Barack Obama has directed the Department of Education to craft rules to evaluate teacher training programs amid concern that too many new teachers are walking into classrooms unprepared for the job, the White House said on Friday.

By this summer, the department will propose regulations to strengthen teacher preparation programs and, after a period of public comment, will aim to publish final

rules on the matter within the next year, the White House said.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan told reporters poor teacher preparation programs produce teachers "who are under-prepared, who are ineffective and who are frustrated."

"That's simply not fair to those teachers, or to aspiring teachers, or to their students," Duncan said.

Duncan has been a sharp critic of these programs. He has said universities too often treat schools of education as a "cash cow" because they are comparatively cheap to operate, yet attract a high enrollment.

He also has said most of the programs "are doing a mediocre job" of preparing teachers for the realities of

the classroom.

"The administration will encourage and support states in developing systems that recognize excellence and provide all programs with information to help them improve, while holding them accountable for how well they prepare teachers to succeed in today's classrooms and throughout their careers," the White House said in a statement.

A 2013 review by the National Council on Teacher Quality, a group that favors strengthening standards for teachers, looked at 2,420 teacher preparation programs in 1,130 institutions of higher education across the country.

It found that 93 percent of the programs failed to ensure that candidates were assigned to highly skilled teachers during student-teaching duty. It also found that only



Having an unprepared teacher isn't fair to any of the students, the White House says. / PHOTODISC

By the numbers

93%

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23 percent were doing enough to provide teacher candidates with strategies to improve classroom behavior problems.

Almost two-thirds of new teachers report that their programs left them unprepared, according to the White House.

It said that these programs have lacked the necessary feedback to identify strengths and weaknesses and have had little infor-

mation on where their graduates go to teach, how long they stay and how well they perform.

"Other countries, as we know, are today outperforming us educationally. We don't think that's fair to our students. We don't think that's fair to our teachers. And we don't think it's good for our nation and our nation's economic interests," Duncan says. **REUTERS**



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Unconstitutional? Institution told students they couldn't pass out copies of the Constitution

Two students are suing a Hawaii university after they say they were told in January they could not pass out copies of the Constitution to fellow students, in a lawsuit accusing the school of violating their First Amendment rights to free speech.

In a complaint against the University of Hawaii at Hilo, the students' lawyers say the school "unconstitutionally restricts access to open areas on campus by requiring students to seek permission to speak at least seven business days in advance."

The complaint, filed last Thursday, added that the areas where students could engage in "spontaneous expressive activities" was limited to a small fraction of the school's 115-acre campus.

"Part of the paradox is the idea that on a state campus, the exercise of



Administrators don't necessarily want people passing out this stuff at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. / LIQUID LIBRARY

The paradox

The First Amendment

The First Amendment of the Constitution protects the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

constitutional rights can be confined to a zone, to one-quarter of 1 percent of the campus," says Attorney Bob Corn-Revere,

who represents students Merritt Burch and Anthony Vizzzone.

Thursday's suit is the second such action filed this year by law firm Davis Wright Tremaine in conjunction with the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. Corn-Revere said an earlier suit with Modesto Junior College had been settled.

"There are quite a number of campuses that have these free speech zone policies," he says.

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Twitter feed

Today, Joan Rivers is reporting the news, Ricky Gervais is starting to understand how the Web works, and Mark Duplass is feeling nostalgic.

@Joan_Rivers: Justin Bieber was detained at LAX. Customs probably thought he was smuggling 14 illegal aliens in those saggy pants.

@RickyGervais: I am offended by your opinion, & since I couldn't possibly ignore you or control my emotions, I demand you never express your opinion again.

@MarkDuplass: I miss being small enough to use my dad's t-shirts to sleep in. I wish my dad was 12 feet tall.

Meet George Clooney's fiancée

The world almost fell off its axis this weekend when it was announced that George Clooney, 52, who has spent decades stating his hatred of marriage, has asked girlfriend Amal Alamuddin, 36, to marry him, *People* magazine confirms.

"George and Amal are trying to keep things very low-key, but they also aren't really trying to hide this, it doesn't seem," a source says. "I think it's like they want the people they love to know that this is real, that they plan on being together forever."

Clooney and Alamuddin, a British human rights attorney, were first rumored to be dating in October when they were spotted stepping out together in London. Alamuddin, who gives single, mid-30s women around the world some hope, was seen donning an impressive diamond engagement



Amal Alamuddin was in New York in March. / GC IMAGES

ring at a dinner with Cindy Crawford and Rande Gerber in Malibu on Thursday.

This will be the second marriage for Clooney.

He was married to Talia Balsam, who is currently married to John Slattery — aka Roger Sterling from "Mad Men" — from 1989 until 1993.

Talking points

Schreiber and Watts to wed

It took them some time to work out their differences, but Naomi Watts and Liev Schreiber are reportedly ready once again to walk down the aisle, according

to Radar Online. "While Naomi and Liev have had their ups and downs, including a canceled New Year's Eve wedding right before 2008, they've finally worked out their differences and are rethinking marriage," a

source says of the couple, who have been together for nine years and have two sons together. "Liev really admired how Naomi rose above the flak she got for 'Diana' — a role he really thought she'd win awards for. She was totally

brokenhearted over that movie, and Liev has played a huge role in getting her confidence back so she could carry on with four more films she has in production." AFP



NAOMI & LIEV
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Kutcher, Kunis and fetus go country

Ashton Kutcher cupped fiancée Mila Kunis' pregnant belly during Stagecoach, country music's version of Coachella, on Friday in California. The two later got onstage during Lynyrd Skynyrd's set, a fact which makes me question everything I thought I knew about Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis.



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When we sit down with hip-hop legend Rza in the lobby of L.A.'s fancy Arclight movie theater, he's a bit glum. It turns out the interviewer directly before us had ended on a Paul Walker question, and Rza is still preoccupied with thoughts of his late "Brick Mansions" co-star. Luckily, a little talk about reinvigorating the music business perks him up.

What were some of the highlights of working with Walker?

His energy, his spirit. He was uppity, daring. He just brings a smile to the atmosphere. One of my favorite days was when he and his other buddies joined us. You can meet somebody and you get a feel from hanging with them, but then when you meet their buddies you get to know even more.

This is based on a French film, "District B13," which basically introduced parkour. How does it translate to an American setting?

Us that are in the know, we are always ahead of the rest of the country. Like when "Ong-Bak"

came out and "Chocolate" came out, we saw those movies, knew the moves and loved Tony Jaa. The [rest of America] didn't know. They had to wait to see "The Avengers" to see those moves. ... Let's give another example: By the time break-dancing

us. That's how art grows.

Does that mess with your head, thinking about how much time has passed?

It doesn't mess with my head. I mean, time is just this thing that you can't grab a hold of its tail, kid.

RZA

The hip-hop legend talks Paul Walker, bringing parkour to America with "Brick Mansions" and the Wu.

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reached America, we were already up to levels of spinning on our heads. [Laughs] There's a second generation of parkour artists now. And it takes that. Drake just put a song out, "Wu-Tang Forever," on his new album, but it's 20 years later for

You've got to accept time. So it doesn't mess with me. I just pray for 20 more [years], 30 more. I love this planet, I love life. I'm down to hang out. [Laughs]



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Rza's latest acting gig is in the action film "Brick Mansions." / GETTY IMAGES

Beats and rhymes

Re-enter the 36 Chambers

You announced a single-copy Wu-Tang album. Does this mean that even you won't have a copy?

Exactly. It'll be out of my hands. I've been thinking of a way to make music artistically tangible and appreciated in a way that takes it back from the digital domain. I think I've got some solutions, and this is one of them — to treat it as what it is: a piece of art. ... The idea was that this is a piece of art that can be exhibited like a piece of art — and should be exhibited like art. So we've started working on all the parameters of what's going to make it logical, what's going to protect the integrity of the art, what's going to protect the movement that we want — as well as what's going to kind of raise the bar in the corporate world of music, kind of change the dynamic of it.

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Also out



'The Legend of Hercules'

Once-powerful trash artist Renny Harlin ("Cliffhanger," "Deep Blue Sea") is now making simply garbage, such as this cheapie Hercules pic that scooped the big Dwayne Johnson one that hits this summer.

'Labor Day'

A punchline when it came out months ago, Jason Reitman's critical and commercial dud needs someone to stand up for its tale of a mother (Kate Winslet) who's given pies and sweet lovin' by a smooth criminal (Josh Brolin).

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'Sorcerer'

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William Friedkin could do whatever he wanted. It was the mid-'70s and he was hot off the one-two mega-punch of "The French Connection" and "The Exorcist." Those in such positions are bound for failure. Sure enough, Friedkin chose to work on "Sorcerer," a loose, downer remake of Henri-Georges Clouzot's 1953 nail-biter "The Wages of Fear," in which four desperate men agree to drive nitroglycerin over unsettled terrain, their stock ready to blow at the slightest bump.

"Sorcerer's" downfall was the stuff of legends. A modest production ballooned into a costly, turbulent monstrosity. Then this dirty, grimy, hopeless film with no likeable characters opened a month after



A nitroglycerin-packed truck tries to cross a rickety jungle bridge in the rain in 1977's "Sorcerer." / WARNER HOME VIDEO

the cheery "Star Wars." Since then, "Sorcerer" has only been available in the wrong aspect ratio; its new, beautiful Blu-ray edition is the first time it's been sold properly.

Almost 40 years later, "Sorcerer" can be seen as the high/low point of pessimistic 1970s American cinema, that brief period when studios threw mil-

lions at pictures about life's losers. Indeed, none of the four leads — including Roy Scheider's low-rent crook — are even semi-heroic. They're low-level crooks, assassins and terrorists. All have wound up in a grungy, never-identified South American town to hide out from those they've crossed.

Unlike the original,

"Sorcerer" isn't really about tension, despite a few grinding set pieces, including the crossing of a rickety bridge in a torrential downpour. It's about a descent into purgatory that may be hell. You may not root for these four, but you don't root against them. After all, no one deserves the gauntlet they're forced to endure.

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'Sophie's Choice'

Meryl Streep is big now, but once upon a time she was so big she could turn a long, heavy 1982 drama about a concentration camp survivor weighed down by her past into a rather sizable hit. Amazingly, some of us have never seen it.



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Box office. 'Other Woman' scores big with audiences this weekend

"The Other Woman," a female-centered comedy about marital infidelity, elbowed aside three-time box office champion "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" to win the race at U.S. and Canadian theaters this weekend.

"The Other Woman" had ticket sales of \$24.7 million, while "Captain America" took in \$16 million, bringing its total domestic sales since its April 4 release to \$225 million.

The PG-rated faith-based drama "Heaven Is for Real" came in third with \$13.8 million for the period of Friday through Sunday. It is the fourth faith-based film this year to generate impressive box office returns.

"The Other Woman," starring Cameron Diaz and Kate Upton as women dating the same married man, overcame largely negative reviews to far surpass industry expectations of an opening



Leslie Mann, Cameron Diaz and Kate Upton freak out that people saw "The Other Woman." / BARRY WETCHER

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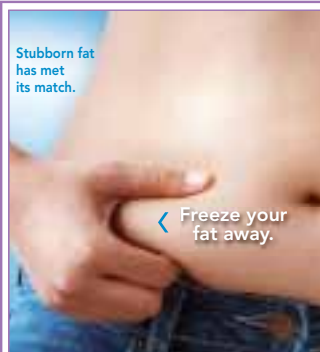
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- 5 'Brick Mansions,' \$9.6 million

weekend in the region of \$17 million.

The animated film "Rio 2" was fourth with ticket sales of \$13.7 million. It follows recent hit animated films like "Frozen" and "The Lego Movie."

"Brick Mansions," an action film featuring parkour and starring the late Paul Walker, rounded out the top five with ticket sales of \$9.6 million.

The 40-year-old Walker, a star of the "Fast and Furious" series, was killed on Nov. 30 in a fiery single-car accident. **REUTERS**



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Margot's Nuclear 'Slingshot to Heaven'

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The singer of the So & So's discusses how his priorities become clearer with time.

You could see it early in his career that Richard Edwards made music on his own terms, but his hands-on, no-compromise mentality toward his recordings has only become more pronounced over time.

As the founder and lead

singer of Margot & the Nuclear So and So's, Edwards took the money from the advance on his debut and built his own studio. Signing to Epic for his second album in 2008, when the label didn't like his song selection, he convinced them to release two records simultaneously. "Animal" was his ideal release, while "Not Animal" was Epic's chosen offering. From then on, Edwards and the band have gone on to self-release three albums on their own label, Mariel Recordings. Their latest, "Slingshot to Heaven," was released last week.

With a reverence for the beauty of analog, "Slingshot" was recorded on 2-inch tape. "We've done it before," notes Edwards. "But this time we didn't use any computers at all, which made it different than any way we've recorded in the past. I don't think it's political or anything. We always like using tape because I'm one of those people who thinks you can tell the difference. It was my favorite way of recording so far, and it definitely makes a difference on focused performance."

"Slingshot" shows Margot and its rotating cast of characters evolving and



"I'm very much in a situation where I'm a dad," says Richard Edwards, pictured with his 4-year-old daughter. Catch Margot & the Nuclear So and So's on Saturday at 9 p.m. at the Bowery Ballroom (6 Delancey St.). For more info visit www.boweryballroom.com. /MEG CONNELLY

Small business

'Meaning from a lot of lame stuff'

If you order "Slingshot to Heaven" from the band directly, you can get various rarities like a limited 7-inch and a DVD of stripped down album tracks, recorded beautifully through the eye of an Eclair 16 mm movie camera.

"I like boxing these records as much or more than I like making records," says Edwards. "My head hurts so much that I just want mindless work where I don't get stuck inside the pattern of thought that I'm always in. ... It's super, super cheesy, but it's like I have a small business and the act of transporting these records to people has some sort of meaning to me as I get older. You get meaning from a lot of lame stuff as you get older."

maturing without compromising. The songs are slower, but at the same time, the catchy tunes are still riddled with an inherent evil lurking in the lyrics.

"Yeah, it's a little bit more narrative-based," he says. "I think it gets more skillfully articulated as I get older, but there's always a Catholic/Christian guilt thing which most people don't shake, even as they get older and cast that stuff aside. I like writing songs that feel, for better and worse, like real reflections of how young men think and behave."

Edwards says having a 4-year-old daughter hasn't even changed his young man's approach to lyrics.

"I'm very much in a situation where I'm a dad, but I also don't ever want to mellow that stuff, because I'm not somebody whose brain changed when I had a kid. Of course, it did in tons of ways, but it did not change that part of me that's super f—ed up and gross."



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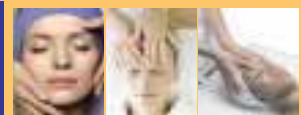
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Interview. Lennon Parham and Jessica St. Clair talk transferring the comedy of their friendship to the small screen for the second time.

In "Playing House," USA's new sitcom premiering Tuesday at 10 p.m., Lennon Parham and Jessica St. Clair play longtime best friends. In real life, they actually are. The authenticity of their relationship fuels humor and heart in this playful take on small-town life. The first episode sees businesswoman Emma (St. Clair) return home for a baby shower for Maggie (Parham). When Maggie's husband is caught in a love affair, Emma decides to stay and help Maggie raise the child. We caught up with Parham and St. Clair to discuss steaks, rattan furniture and a fake mustache.

Is it true that, by the time you started shooting,

Lennon in fact was pregnant?

LP: I was the exact amount pregnant as my character Maggie when we shot the pilot.

JSC: Eight and a half months. She's a method actor.

LP: And Jess was secretly pregnant.

JSC: So I was throwing up in bushes and forcing Lennon to order me extra servings of steak, as if she were feeding a baby tiger.

What's it like to be one of the first original sitcoms on USA?

LP: It's been a dream. They let us do an episode where I dress as a man, so that's all I need. A trucker hat and a mustache the color of a tabby cat.

JSC: You rarely get the note from someone, "We want more of your voice," but USA tells us that, so, I mean, come on.

LP: We couldn't be happier.

JSC: Lennon's just glad that they let her dress as a man.

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Q&A

Preparing for the next version

Your last show ['Best Friends Forever'] was about an earlier era of your lives. What's next?

JSC: The hope is that this show goes for a while and we see the characters grow, fall in love, find their

passions.

LP: And then we'd make a "Golden Girls" type of show. Just a bunch of sassy broads sittin' on rattan furniture.

JSC: We already have the furniture on our set now. We'd just steal it.

LP: Already done.

JSC: What? Lennon. We need that for Season 2.

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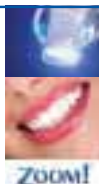
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Though the book uses biblical inspiration to motivate readers, the diet, he says, can work across all faiths.

"PrayFit is a way to serve God, serve others," Pena says. Skeptics don't bother him.

"I have faith in the Lord," he says. "I don't have faith in fitness [or] food. I know that we were never meant to be at the mercy of food."

Can the power of prayer help you lose weight?

Diet. A new book claims it's true.

For veteran fitness writer Jimmy Pena and the followers of the PrayFit diet, losing weight is about much more than the reflection staring back at you.

"It's not about the mirror," Pena says. "It's about the one we're trying to mirror."

In "The PrayFit Diet," Pena explains his faith-based approach to weight loss. Harnessing the power of prayer, Pena believes, allows for the nourishment of the soul and the pursuit of a life that is both spiritually and physically healthy. The book is a mix of advice, recipes, meal plans and journal exercises. For Pena, fitness is a way of serving and living his faith. The plan sees health as a means of worship.

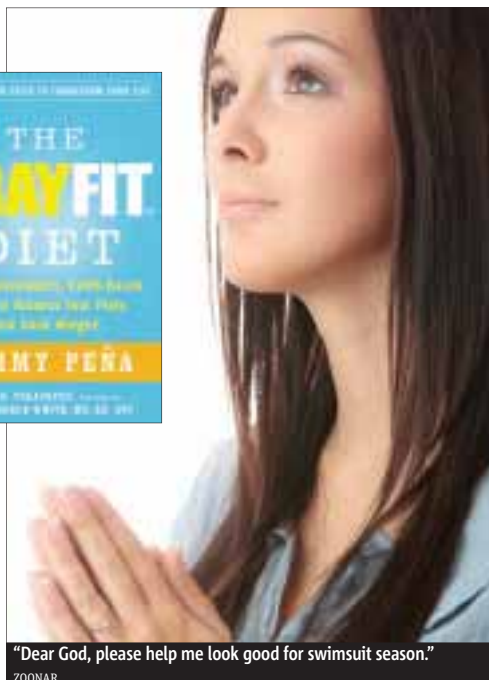
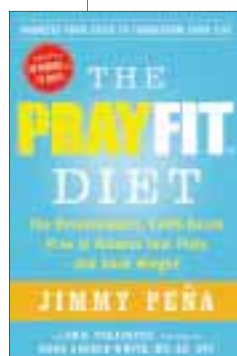
Pena calls the realization that faith and the body are connected a real paradigm shift.

"You say, 'I'm going to put my faith to work, because I believe I've been called to live abundantly,'" Pena says.

One of the key elements to the PrayFit Diet is balance. It maintains a 33 percent balance between protein, carbs and fat, which, according to research, can lead to increased energy, decreased inflammation, improved cholesterol and healthier blood sugar levels.

"It's an inclusive, 'embrace food' type of plan," Pena says.

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"Dear God, please help me look good for swimsuit season."

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The dietitian says

Is the diet legit?

We asked registered dietitian Erin Palinski for her thoughts on the diet.

"One of the major factors that holds people back from being successful with weight loss is lack of motivation," Palinski says. "If you feel that losing weight and improving health is your way of showing praise to God (or any higher being), this extra motivation can be a great way to help you stay focused and on track."

However, Palinski worries that the balance the diet emphasizes may not work for everyone.

"The diet focuses on 33 percent protein/carbs/fat, which may be too restrictive for some people to maintain long-term," Palinski says. "With only 33 percent of calories coming from carbohydrates, this low-carb diet may cause some individuals to suffer from a lack of energy, which can make staying on track challenging."

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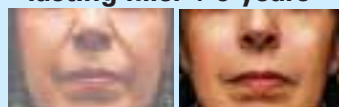


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The Organic Avenue green juices you splurge on can now be made in the comfort of your own kitchen.

Denise Mari, who first started selling her juices out of a backpack on the Lower East Side in 2002, is releasing her recipes in a new book, "Organic Avenue: Recipes for Life, Made with LOVE*."

It's a busy time for OA: The brand also just opened a flagship shop in Bryant

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Ingredients

- ½ lemon, peeled
- ½ pear, stemmed and roughly chopped
- ½ cup roughly chopped cilantro leaves and stems
- 4 kale leaves, with stems
- 4 romaine lettuce leaves
- 1 Swiss chard leaf, including stem
- 3 celery stalks, with leaves
- 1 unpeeled cucumber, ends trimmed and roughly chopped

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Marijuana alters key brain structures in casual users

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: 40 college students in the Boston area aged 18 to 25

Results: Can casual marijuana use have lasting effects on the brain? A recent study suggests that even light, recreational pot smoking can lead to significant changes in the regions of the brain related to emotion, motivation and reward. When compared to non-users, young adults who reported smoking marijuana once a week exhibited differences in the size, shape and structure of these brain regions. These irregularities were more extreme in participants who smoked pot more frequently.

Significance: According to the study, these affected brain regions have been broadly linked to addiction. "It also is possible that the brain is adapting to marijuana exposure and that these new con-



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nections may encourage further marijuana use," Dr. Anne Blood, a co-senior author from the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry, says in a statement. Researchers say the findings raise concerns about the long-term impact of legalizing marijuana.

Experts find no proof that inducing labor causes autism

Location of study: U.S.
Results: After careful review, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has found no link between labor induction and autism. Experts say that the collective research at this time is not enough to suggest a causal relationship. "Our opinion was stimulated by a study done last year that showed a potential association between the use of drugs like Pitocin to

start labor and autism in children," says Dr. Jeffrey Ecker, the ACOG's chair of the Committee on Obstetric Practice. The organization deemed the available evidence surrounding the use of oxytocin to bring on labor as inconsistent. The group also found limitations in study design and conflicting findings in other research.

Significance: The concerns over labor induction and autism picked up considerable steam last year following a study suggesting that women who used labor-inducing drugs to stimulate contractions may be more likely to deliver a child with autism. Researchers from that study were unclear about the nature of the association. They were also unaware of the circumstances that required labor induction or augmentation to begin with. According to Ecker, the ACOG very clearly recommends that current practices not be changed

because evidence of a cause-and-effect relationship is not there. He added that cutting back on labor inductions, which are an important part of patient care, would almost certainly raise cesarean section rates.

Nasal spray could protect against any strain of flu

Location of study: Scotland
Study subjects: Mice

Results: A developmental nasal spray may be able to prevent infection from any strain of the flu. Upon influenza infection, viruses attach to receptors in the throat and nose. The in-the-works nasal spray works by coating these receptors with engineered proteins so that viruses are unable to attach to them. In recent animal studies, a single intranasal dose protected mice from lethal influenza exposure. Researchers report that not only did the mice avoid infection, they also produced antibodies against the virus.

Significance: Researchers hope the new approach will eventually be used as a first-line protection against pandemic strains while new vaccines are being developed.

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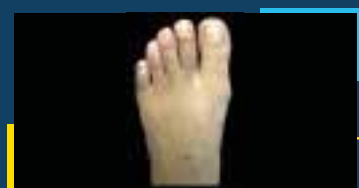
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WAYS TO STAY MOTIVATED AT WORK

Maybe it's because of the bad economy or maybe it's just bad luck, but many employees feel stuck at their jobs. Are you one of them?

Employee motivation is at an all-time low right now because the country's workers aren't doing work that takes advantage of their strengths and passions. They simply don't know how to get motivated and remain motivated at the office. This is a big challenge because if you can't motivate yourself, you will end up slacking off and not delivering on your project commitments, which could end up getting you laid off in

the long run.

Here are three ways to get motivated in your own workplace so you can become as productive as possible and achieve a higher level of success at your company:

Focus on one goal at a time

Most people try to multi-task but find it hard to get anything done.

If you write down one goal to accomplish each day, it's much easier to be focused and more motivated. When you have multiple goals, it can be very hard to be motivated

because you are overloaded and you don't feel like you can do them all. When that happens, you feel like you're a failure or lazy, both of which are probably not true. You just don't have enough energy to do everything. At the end of the day when you've completed your goal, check it off. Then, move to a new goal the next day. Eventually, all of your goals will be checked off.

Choose the right goals

You will be very motivated if you select goals that you're excited about. It will be easy to put the time and energy into a goal that you're really interested in, instead of one you're just doing because you have to. Basically, you are more motivated if you are working toward some-

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Schedule breaks

If you're constantly working, you'll get burned out. Make sure you schedule regular breaks for yourself so that you can loosen up and recover the energy that you lost. Tell yourself that you're going to take 10 minutes off after you complete a certain amount of work. For your breaks, you could take lunch, go get a coffee, run a short errand, walk around or just talk to others at the office.

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thing that you genuinely want to do or achieve. If you are forced to do goals that aren't of particular interest, which happens a lot in the workplace, then find things that interest you within them. Sometimes you have to do work that you don't like in order to get work that you do like.

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Horoscope

Taurus | April 21-May 21.
Your unselfish nature is likely to damage your health. You must find a way to turn down demands.

Gemini | May 22-June 20.
Don't be coerced into making a quick decision until you are sure that you have a true picture of the situation. Some information is being withheld.

Cancer | June 21-July 22.
Develop a partnership with someone you want to work alongside. Participate in a worthy cause. You are likely to meet someone who can influence your future.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Less talk and more action will help you avoid trouble. Expect uncertainty. Resist the urge to add to your current workload.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
New endeavors will develop. Increased knowledge and a chance to travel will provide a wider range of possibilities.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
Be diligent regarding your regimens. You need to stay healthy to keep up with your daily demands. Start saving and check out affordable investments.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
People you have helped in the past will be glad to return the favor. Love is in the air.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
Plan your career path strategically, and push to reach your goals. You will gain support if you share your enthusiasm with productive people.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.
Do what you enjoy the most today. Whether you visit a spa or stay at home, you deserve a little relaxation. Fill your calendar with self-indulgences.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.
Uncertainty is likely to plague your personal life. You can improve the situation if you share your thoughts.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
Act quickly so that you'll be able to take advantage of a new opportunity. Get together with a friend. Romance is highlighted.

Aries | March 21-April 20.
Make amends with someone you may have let down or disappointed. Your emotions will be out of control. Be honest.
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Letters

Tout the American dream here at home, not overseas

As if our president isn't busy enough as the self-anointed enforcer of the old Soviet borders (e.g. Ukraine), now he's issuing threats to China. Where will he lead us next? I say it's time for Mr. Obama to take a deep breath and recognize the arrival of a multi-polar world; a world in which the USA is but one power and no longer The Power in complete control of the planet. And rather than pursuing a misguided globalism through confrontation, intimidation and sanctions, I think

it's time to use our fabulous resources here at home, for our own common people — not the privileged few and certainly not the despots and juntas we bankroll overseas to selectively impose our "values."

Yes, let's put our great wealth to work for America and in America, and welcome those who wish to come here to work and live legally, and to pay taxes, and to have their own shot at the American dream.

In Obama, I voted for a statesman. All I got was another politician serving the same old special interests of power and greed.

HENRY G. BRECHTER, VIA EMAIL

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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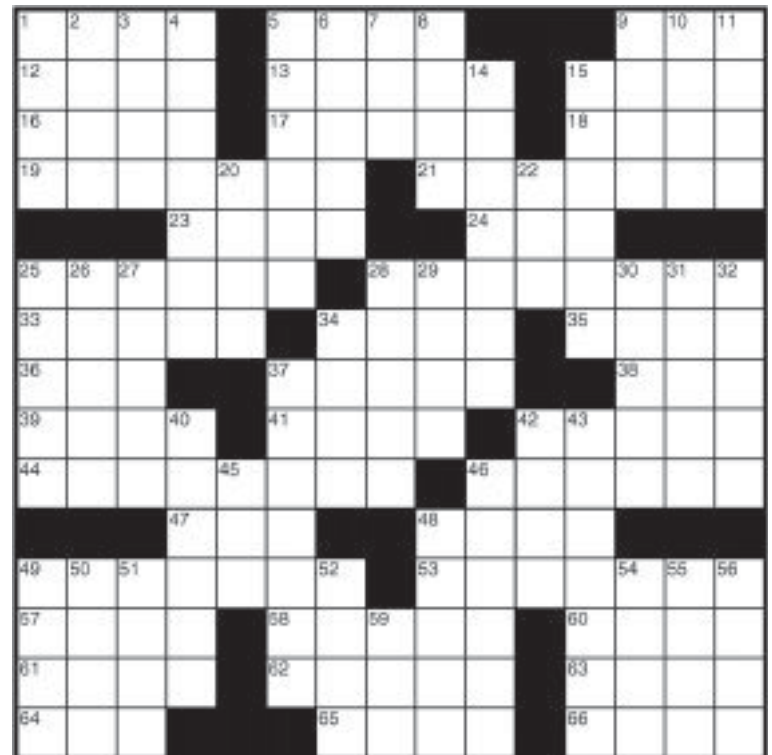
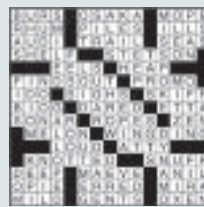
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- 15 Glove compartment items
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- 17 Blank a tape
- 18 Freezes over
- 19 Brought down
- 21 Junk jewelry
- 23 "No way!"
- 24 Perfume label word
- 25 Spain's Bay of —
- 28 More meager
- 33 — ear
- 34 Upstream spawner
- 35 Slight advantage
- 36 Chiang — — shek
- 37 Jetties
- 38 Comic-strip prince
- 39 They may be split
- 41 Country addr.
- 42 Giggle (hyph.)
- 44 Check into (2 wds.)
- 46 Reduce in rank
- 47 Dew glistener
- 48 Clutch
- 49 Tiny chirper
- 53 Heavy surf
- 57 Rochester's Jane

Down

- 58 Ford predecessor
- 60 Touch up
- 61 Within sight
- 62 Bellyache
- 63 "Physics" intro
- 64 Cookbook amt.
- 65 Even
- 66 Unforeseen problem
- 1 Lurch
- 2 "Othello" heavy
- 3 Pack away
- 4 Very lifeblood
- 5 Yawning
- 6 Multitude
- 7 Off — — tangent
- 8 Frontier, once
- 9 Support
- 10 Pentathlon event
- 11 Off. helper
- 14 Goes over again
- 15 Hour fraction
- 20 Thunder
- 22 John, in Aberdeen
- 25 Kids' wheels
- 26 Ridiculous
- 27 Nastily derogatory
- 28 Cheap ghost costume
- 29 Airport rentals
- 30 The Gem State
- 31 Heron
- 32 Ms. Zellweger
- 34 In — (as found)
- 37 Digging deep
- 40 Finn's pal
- 42 Greenish-blue
- 43 Badges
- 45 Futon or pallet
- 46 Talked on and on
- 48 Fumble
- 49 Where Canterbury is
- 50 Nay opposites
- 51 Bushwhack
- 52 Soap target
- 54 Blissful spot
- 55 Moreno or Rudner
- 56 Bachelor's party
- 59 Sundial numeral

Weekend's answer



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What went right



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1 Traffic jam

Even though they finished with 22 shots in Game 5 versus 38 in Game 4, the Rangers did a far better job of creating traffic in front of Steve Mason than in Game 4. The second and third goals came from the low slot, and on the first, Martin St. Louis drove to the net in order to provide Marc Staal a screen.

2 Feeling old

It was only the third game since Dec. 21 for Flyers defenseman Hal Gill on Sunday, and only his seventh of the season. As such, it made sense for the Rangers to test the 6-foot-7, 243-pound blueliner. Never among the league's most mobile defensemen, what the Rangers found was that the 39-year-old was unable to keep up with their speed, underscored on Dominic Moore's goal which pushed the advantage to 3-0.

3 On the kill

The penalty kill units kept the Rangers in the game early, then allowed them to maintain their lead. Five times the Rangers were shorthanded, but yielded only Vincent Lecavalier's power-play drive with 33 seconds left in the second period. Through the first five games of the series, the Rangers have killed 12 of 16 power plays for Philadelphia.

DENIS GORMAN



Dominic Moore gets a little too excited as he tackles linemate Brian Boyle after scoring his second goal of the playoffs. / GETTY IMAGES

Rangers lean on fourth line in win

NHL playoffs. The depth of New York showed its strength in a Game 5 win over the Flyers.

This was a celebration for the role players.

Brian Boyle had just snapped a shot into an empty cage to salt away the Rangers' 4-2 win over the Flyers in Game 5 Sunday when the fourth-line left wing pumped his arms as he skated behind the Eighth Avenue goal into a

gathering of teammates.

It was also a validation of head coach Alain Vigneault's philosophy: The Rangers are a four-line team.

"That's just our M.O.," said Brad Richards, one of four goal scorers along with Boyle, Dominic Moore and Marc Staal. "We've prided ourselves on our [depth] all year. We play four lines and everybody has a different role. You can't have [depth] without a good fourth line."

The fourth line of Boyle, Moore and Derek Dorsett totaled two goals

By the numbers

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Dominic Moore has three points in the last two games after just 18 points in the entire 2013-14 season (73 games).

and an assist for three points and a plus-2 rating Sunday afternoon, and contributed to a penalty kill that only surrendered a Vincent Lecavalier marker on five power plays against.

Moore's goal was created by his speed and

forecheck, as he pressured Braydon Coburn into a cross-ice pass to Hal Gill. The pass was deflected by Moore, who beat Mason for the game-winner.

"He's been good," Vigneault said of Moore. "He was good again tonight. He took some important faceoffs and was able to capitalize on one of their mistakes, which is a big thing in any game. It turned out to be the winning goal."

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MLB. Mets earn shutout victory over Marlins thanks to Gee gem

The Mets continued their hot play with an easy win over the Marlins to close out a series win on Sunday.

Dillon Gee went eight shutout innings in a 4-0 victory. He struck out six and allowed just three hits. He did walk four, however.

New York is 9-4 in its last 13 games, starting

with a three-game sweep in Arizona in mid-April.

The Mets still have no starter batting over .300, but they managed to string together enough hits against Miami starter Tom Koehler. Lucas Duda drove in the first run of the game with a ground-rule double in the second inning.

They scored the

other three runs all in the fifth inning. David Wright drove in Curtis Granderson on a double, while Chris Young hit his second home run of the season to left field two batters later.

The Mets (14-11) begin a nine-game road trip Tuesday in Philadelphia with Jon Niese facing Cole Hamels. **METRO**

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SPORTS



In the works

Jackson meets with Kerr

TNT broadcaster Steve Kerr said he met with Knicks president Phil Jackson on Friday, but they "will keep talking" about the former player taking over as head coach. Kerr has been rumored to be the leading candidate to replace Mike Woodson for months, before Woodson was even fired last week. "It's the Knicks and Phil Jackson, my coach," Kerr said. "I would be crazy not to look into it."

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Dillon Gee has lowered his ERA from 5.03 to 2.88 over his last three starts. / GETTY IMAGES

Nets waste chance to take control of series

NBA playoffs.

The Raptors tied up the opening round series, 2-2, after Brooklyn went cold down the stretch.

The stern warnings coming out of Paul Pierce's mouth Friday were loud and clear for anyone who wanted to listen or read them in the papers on Saturday.

For a spell, the Nets had their act together but they couldn't sustain it as the Raptors took Game 4 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals with a 87-79 victory Sunday night.

The first 18 minutes were about as awful as the Nets have played at home in awhile. The Nets allowed the Raptors to lead by 17 while making 19 of their first 32 shots.

They were a near copy of the final five minutes from Game 3 when the Nets were lackadaisical

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Deron Williams had just 10 points on 4-of-12 shooting, and five turnovers, in the loss. / GETTY IMAGES

On Sterling

Unsurprisingly, the alleged racist comments made by Clippers owner Donald Sterling were discussed thoroughly before Game 4.

- "I was very shocked to hear that come from an

owner," Paul Pierce said. "Especially an owner who has hired a black coach, gave him a lot of power to what's going on in the organization, just to kind of hear how he really feels."

- "I'll definitely ... pay attention to what happens," said Shaun Livingston, who was drafted by the Clippers. "Because it's going to put [Commissioner] Adam Silver in kind of a tough spot."

on both ends of the floor in allowing a 15-point lead to dwindle to one before averting disaster.

Despite some big shots in a 22-point night from Pierce, the Nets couldn't finish off the comeback. The loss means Brooklyn will have to win at least once on the road.

The ending was a disappointment considering how the Nets dug themselves out a 17-point hole with 5:40 left in the first half. Pierce put them up 77-73 on a layup with 6:11 remaining.

Then the Raptors pulled off a 14-2 run, getting key offensive foul calls against Pierce and Kevin Garnett. The Nets missed five shots and committed four turnovers in the final 6:11 and were 3-for-17 from the field over the final 12 minutes.

Game 5 is Wednesday night in Toronto.

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The Truth

Casey with lots of praise for Pierce

Paul Pierce will likely be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame once his career ends, so it shouldn't be a surprise Raptors head coach Dwane Casey would praise him. But Pierce's play in this series, including a team-high 22 points Sunday night, has been unexpected.

"He plays a lot of the game on the floor," Casey said. "When he does explode, he explodes, but most of his game is on the floor a lot like Tim Duncan. Jason Kidd was the same way when he played — a floor player — and those guys tend to last a long time and that's just using your brain."

Casey praised Pierce for getting other players on the court in the right position, too.

"He's out there directing the defense so he is utilizing his experience to the Nth degree out there on the floor," Casey said. "So he's a big plus for what they do."

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Rojas Food Services LLC d/b/a
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a license, Number 1277579
for Beer & Wine has been
applied for by the undersigned to
sell Beer & Wine at retail in a
Restaurant under the Alcoholic
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IPot Café Inc.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a license, Number 1277337
for Restaurant Wine has been
applied for by, to sell Beer & Wine
at retail in a Chinese Restaurant
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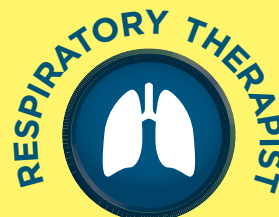
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